

281—120.16(34CFR303) Health services.

120.16(1) General. “Health services” means services necessary to enable an otherwise eligible child to benefit from the other early intervention services under this chapter during the time that the child is eligible to receive early intervention services.

120.16(2) Examples of health services. “Health services” includes:

a. Such services as clean intermittent catheterization, tracheostomy care, tube feeding, the changing of dressings or colostomy collection bags, and other health services; and

b. Consultation by physicians with other service providers concerning the special health care needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities that will need to be addressed in the course of providing other early intervention services.

120.16(3) Services excluded. “Health services” does not include:

a. Services that are:

(1) Surgical in nature (such as cleft palate surgery, surgery for club foot, or the shunting of hydrocephalus);

(2) Purely medical in nature (such as hospitalization for management of congenital heart ailments, or the prescribing of medicine or drugs for any purpose); or

(3) Related to the implementation, optimization (e.g., mapping), maintenance, or replacement of a medical device that is surgically implanted, including a cochlear implant.

1. Nothing in this chapter limits the right of an infant or toddler with a disability with a surgically implanted device (e.g., cochlear implant) to receive the early intervention services that are identified in the child’s IFSP as being needed to meet the child’s developmental outcomes.

2. Nothing in this chapter prevents the EIS provider from routinely checking that either the hearing aid or the external components of a surgically implanted device (e.g., cochlear implant) of an infant or toddler with a disability are functioning properly;

b. Devices (such as heart monitors, respirators and oxygen, and gastrointestinal feeding tubes and pumps) necessary to control or treat a medical condition; and

c. Medical-health services (such as immunizations and regular “well-baby” care) that are routinely recommended for all children.

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